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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN ELECTIONS FOR NATIONAL COUNCILS

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1. ELECTION LISTS FOR JANUARY 13 NATION-WIDE ELECTIONS FOR NATIONAL COUNCILS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED, AT LEAST FOR SOFIA CI Y COUNCIL. CANDIDATES ARE USUAL CROSS-SECTION OF POPULATION, RANGING FROM FACTORY WORKERS TO VICE MINISTERS AND INCLUDE BOTH BCP MEMBERS, AS WELL AS NON-PARTY. ALL, HOWEVER, ARE CANDIDATES OF FATHERLAND FRONT. ONE UNUSUAL FEATURE OF SOFIA CANDIDATES IS LARGE PROPORTION OF PERSONS CONCERNED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING INDUSTRIES, REFLECTING CURRENT EMPHASIS ON NEED TO IMPROVE THAT SECTOR'S PERFORMANCE.

2. COMMENT: IF SOFIA LIST IS TYPICAL (OTHERS PUBLISHED IN PROVINCIAL PAPERS UNAVAILABLE TO EMBASSY) ELECTION WILL SEE STREAMLINING OF LOCAL GOVERNEMENT ADMINISTRATION. SOFIA COUNCIL BEING REDUCED FROM CURRENT 340 MEMBERS TO 250 STANDING FOR ELECTION. DESPITE IMPRESSIONS OF NEW ELECTION LAW PASSED 1973 THERE ARE NO MULTIPLE CANDIDACIES, ALTHOUGH SOME EFFORTS IN

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IN THIS DIRECTION AT LOCAL MEETINGS OF FATHERLAND

FRONT WHICH ENDORSED APPROVED LIST. ONE PUZZLING
ASPECT OF ELECTIONS IS FAILURE DURING PRE-ELECTION
RALLIES TO MENTION MUCH TOUTED DRAFT LAW FOR NATIONAL
COUNCILS WHICH WAS SUBJECT OF BIG PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN
IN LATE 1972 AND EARLY 1973. DRAFT LAW WAS TO REVAMP
STRUCTURE OF NATIONAL COUNCILS AND GIVE LOCAL
ORGANIZATIONS GREATER AUTONOMY, ESPECIALLY IN ECO-
NOMIC PLANNING. IT MAY BE THAT IDEA HAS NOW BEEN
SHELVED FOR UNKNOWN REASONS AND GREATER EFFICIENCY
TO BE SOUGHT THROUGH MECHANISM OF SMALLER LOCAL
ADMINISTRATIONS.
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